Statement by the Chief Minister *re:* Constitution of the Mysore Backward Classes Commission.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—I have to make an announcement with regard to the constitution of the Backward Classes Commission. You know that some time back during the course of the debate on the Budget, I have mentioned that Government are seriously thinking of constituting the Backward Classes Commission. And very recently at the last meeting of the Cabinet we did take a decision to constitute a Commission. Accordingly, a decision has been taken to constitute a Backward Classes Commission with seven members, with one among them as Chairman to go into the question of backward classes. I shall read a statement.

1 In reply to the debate for grants for General Administration Department and various other Departments, I had indicated that Government were actively considering the constitution of a Backward Classes Commission.

2 The Supreme Court and several High Courts have observed that for the purposes of determination of the Backward Classes for purposes of Article 15 (4) and 16 (4) of the Constitution definite criteria should be applied. It is desirable that any criteria fixed and any list of Backward Classes prepared should be periodically reviewed. In Mysore State the criteria applied since 1963 has been income-*cum* occupation and this has not been reviewed so far.

3. In order to evolve proper criteria and prepare a list of Backward Classes, a detailed enquiry is necessary. Government have, therefore, decided to constitute a Backward Classes Commission consisting of—

1.	Shri L. G. Havanoor	...	Chairman
2.	Shri Y. Ramachandra	...	Member
3.	Shri K. R. S. Naidu	...	Member
4.	Shri K. M. Naganna	...	Member
5.	Shri S. R. Masanasetty	...	Member
6.	Shri Dharmasingh	...	Member
7.	Shri P. T. Habib	...	Member

The terms of reference of the Commission are :—

(1) To suggest the criteria to be adopted for determining whether any classes of persons in the State other than the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes may be treated as socially and educationally backward classes.

(2) To investigate into the living and working conditions of all such classes of persons with special reference to the difficulties nnder which they may be labouring and to m akrecommendations as to the special provisions which

are necessary to be made by the Government for their advancement and for the promotion of their social, educational and economic interest generally.

(3) To make a list of all classes which may be regarded as backward classes in the State.

(4) To suggest that reservations should be made for such classes in the educational institutions maintained by the State or receiving aid out of the State funds.

(5) To suggest that other concessions like scholarships, etc., may be given to such classes by way of assistance.

(6) To determine to what extent such classes are represented in the services under the State and to recommend what reservations of posts in such services may be made for them.

(7) To generally advise the Government about the steps to be taken to ensure adequate safeguards for the backward classes of citizens in the State.

Sri BAPU GOWDA RAYAPPA.—I want to ask some clarification.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I cannot permit the hon. Member. The hon. members have agitated that during the Assembly Session all policy statements of Government should first be made in the House. With due deference to the sentiments expressed by the members, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has made a statement right now on the constitution of the Mysore Backward Classes Commission. Cyclostyled copies of the Statement are available and if the members desire to have it, they can have it. Beyond that, I cannot allow anything else. Hon'ble Minister for Revenue to reply.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಎಸ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಸ್ಟೇಟ್ಮೆಂಟಿ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನನ್ನ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ಇಲ್ಲ.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Hon. member Sri Patil was a member of this House previously too. If he had just intimated yesterday, some arrangement could have been made to accommodate him. It has been agreed that the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue has to be called to reply to the discussion on drought conditions. So it is not possible now to permit him or any other member to speak.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಎಚ್. ಕಬಾಡಿ.—ನನ್ನ ಕಾಲ್ ಅಟೆನ್ಷನ್ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಯಾವಾಗ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have called upon the Revenue Minister to reply. Full justice has been done to the Opposition Members. Not only due time but extra time has also been given to them. Sri Kabadi may consult his leader.